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**Preliminary Amendment**

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This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1) of patent application serial number 09/516,746, filed February 29, 2000.

This Preliminary Amendment includes the addition of three new claims, claims 34 - 36. These claims do not represent new matter and find ample support in the specification where the conversion of frames between ATM, LAN and switch formats is discussed throughout.

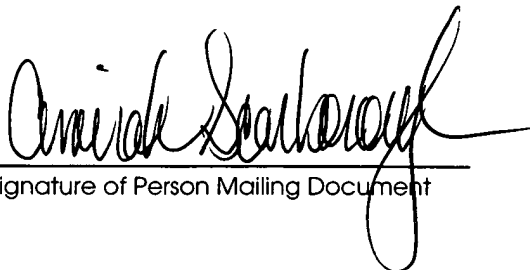
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